GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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GENERIC MEDICINES FOR HIV PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to supply HIV drugs at cheaper rates in the last three years;

(b) if so, whether the Government has made efforts to supply high-quality generic medicines at a more affordable rate; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)to(c) Yes, Sir. Antiretroviral drugs required for treatment for HIV/AIDS are high quality generic medicines manufactured in India and are being procured through International Competitive Bidding and supplied under the Programme.